

## Happy Mother's Day

We extend to all mothers our love and gratitude for their never ending and selfless love and care they show us. "In this beautiful world there is nothing more cherished, no duty more honorable, no responsibility more sacred, no task more difficult, than that of motherhood." *From the dedication plaque at St. Anna's in Dumont, CO*

## Church School

Church School is following Holy Communion. Please allow the School students receive Holy Communion first. Last day of classes is May 18.

## Semi-Annual General Assembly

On Sunday, June 22, following services we will gather to hold our Semi-Annual General Assembly. Please remember to have your stewardship up to date. If you have not filled out a Stewardship card, please see Bogdan for one.

## Graduate Announcements

Please submit your family member (s) graduation information so that we may publish it in the upcoming bulletins.

## Philoptochos

The next meeting for Philoptochos will be on Saturday, May 31, 10am.

## Orthodox Catechism Class

Class will be held on May 18, following coffee hour. *All are welcomed to attend!*

**Saints Cyril and Methodius, Equals to the Apostles:** Saints Cyril and Methodius were brothers from Thessalonica, of distinguished and wealthy parents, Leo and Maria. The elder brother Methodius spent ten years as an officer among the Macedonian Slavs and thus learned the Slavic language. After that, Methodius withdrew to Mount Olympus and dedicated himself to monastic asceticism. It was here that Cyril (Constantine) later joined him. When the king of the Khazars, Kagan, requested preachers of the Christian Faith from Emperor Michael III, these two brothers were found and sent among the Khazars by command of the emperor. Converting King Kagan to the Christian Faith, they baptized him along with a great number of his chief assistants and an even greater number of the people. After some time they returned to Constantinople, where they compiled the Slavonic alphabet consisting of thirty-eight letters. They then proceeded to translate ecclesiastical books from Greek into Slavonic. At the request of Prince Rastislav, they traveled to Moravia, where they spread and confirmed the sacred Faith and made more copies of the books, distributing them to the priests to teach the youth. At the request of the pope, Cyril traveled to Rome. There he became ill and died, on February 14, 867 A.D. Then Methodius returned to Moravia and labored to strengthen the Christian Faith among the Slavs until his death. Following his death (he reposed in the Lord on April 6, 885 A.D.) his disciples, the Five Followers, with St. Clement the bishop at their head, crossed the Danube River and traveled south into Macedonia. There, from Ohrid, they continued their labor among the Slavs, which Cyril and Methodius had begun in the north.

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## May 11, 2025

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! Χριστὸς ἀνέστη!

### Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

**Apostolic Reading:** Acts 9:32-42

**Gospel:** St. John 5:1-15

**Services:** *Sunday*-8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy, *Weekdays* 8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy when scheduled.

**Saints of the Day: 4th Sunday of Pascha, Paralytic.** Hieromartyr Morkios, priest in Macedonia; Cyril and Methodios, equals-to-the-Apostles and enlighteners of the Slavs; New-martyr Argyros; Venerable-martyr Olympia; Martyr Joseph of Astrakhan.

### Order of Service

#### Antiphons

From Pascha

#### 3rd Antiphon we chant the Paschal verses and Christ is Risen

#### Instead of Come let us worship we chant:

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

*Ὡς Ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν, Κύριον ἐκ πηγῶν Ἰσραὴλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Υἱέ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλουῖα.*

#### After the Entrance

#### Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 3

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great mercy.

#### Apolytikion of the Archangels Tone 4

Supreme Commanders of the Hosts of the Heavens, we, the unworthy, implore and beseech You that by Your supplications You encircle us in the shelter of the wings of Your immaterial glory, guarding us who now fall down and cry to You with fervor: Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, as

the great marshals of the heavenly hosts on high.

### **Kontakion for Pascha Tone 8**

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out Rejoice to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

### **Instead of “Axion Estin” Tone 1**

*The Angel cried aloud to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin; and again I say Rejoice. Your Son has truly risen from the grave on the third day. Shine! Shine, O new Jerusalem!!* \* For the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. \* Zion, exult and be glad now. \* O pure Mother of God, rejoice, celebrating \* the resurrection of Christ your Son!

### **Communion Hymn**

Receive the Body of Christ; taste from the immortal fount.

**Instead of** *We have seen the true light...* Christ is Risen

### **Divine Services**

**Wed., May 14:** NO Service

**Sat. May 17:** NO Service

### **Memorial Service**

This morning we remember in our prayers the departed servant of God +Ian Young (2 years). He is the husband of Tatjana Young. *Everlasting be his memory!*

### **Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church**

Holy Communion of the Orthodox Church is the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is *“With the fear of God, faith and love”* that we approach the Divine Mysteries. Therefore, Holy Communion is reserved only for those baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer and fasting, as prescribed by the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Church. We ask that women, before approaching to receive from the Holy Cup, in respect of our Lord, to please remove lipstick.

### **During the Paschal Season**

- We do not kneel during any church services from Pascha until Pentecost and the prayer of *“Heavenly King...”*, is not said until Pentecost as it is replaced with triple singing of Christ is Risen for the forty days.
- According to tradition, after the Ascension of Jesus, Mary Magdalene traveled to Rome to preach the Gospel. While there, she reportedly had an audience with Emperor Tiberius (14-37 A.D.) and proclaimed to him Christ’s Resurrection. Then she told the emperor that in his Province of Judea the unjustly condemned Jesus the Galilean, a holy man, a miracle worker, powerful before God and all mankind, had been executed at the

instigation of the Jewish High Priests, and the sentence confirmed by the procurator appointed by Tiberias, Pontius Pilate. As the story goes, she proclaimed, **“Christ is Risen!”** The emperor laughed and said a man rising from the dead was as likely as the egg in her hand turning red. At that moment, the egg turned a brilliant red—confirming her testimony of the Resurrection.

- Other saints of our Orthodox Church not named in the Gospels or writings of the Scriptures are: The wife of Pontius Pilate is St. Prokla (feast day Oct. 27) and the soldier at the foot of the cross who said: “Truly this was the Son of God” the martyr Longinus (feast day Oct. 16).

### **Bookstore and Library**

Our Bookstore is filled with many excellent books and items for your home prayer corner as well as gifts. Please see Olga Sonnenburg for more information.

### **Coffee Hour Signup**

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

**May 11:** Steier Family

**May 18:** Georgescu Family

**May 25:** Steier Family

**June 1:** Ortho Bros

### **Festival Donation Request**

The AMGOC Greek Festival Committee is seeking donations to defer the costs of increased off-hour security at this year's festival. The committee has decided to hire an extra-duty CSPD officer with a police car presence to protect our equipment and supplies overnight during the festival. Please make checks payable to AMGOC and add "Festival Security" on the memo line. Thank you for your assistance.

### **Stewardship 2025**

The 2025 Stewardship Sunday was on Sunday December 22nd and a presentation was offered by Ruxandra Georgescu and Nathan Pesch co-chairs. Stewardship Packets are available today. Please see Ruxandra Georgescu for more information. You may return your filled out card in the offering box.

### **Capital Campaign**

**King Soopers Cards** has established a new program by using their Loyalty Program. Please see Demetria Greenwood and she will link your King Soopers card with the new giving program.

### **Inquirers Welcome**

Those visiting our parish are welcome to set up a time to speak with Fr. Dennis about the Orthodox faith following .